

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON).

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, in the 108th Congress the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) introduced and we passed through this House legislation almost identical to this and we reintroduced it in this Congress. It has had a companion bill in the Senate which has now passed the Senate. And after conferring with the committee and with the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) we decided to take up the Senate version of the bill in this House rather than passing the House bill because that means that the next stop for this legislation is the President's desk.

The bill that the gentleman and I pass today will not have the gentleman's name on it, but it certainly is a result of his leadership that was brought here to the floor of the House, and I want to commend the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL).

I also wanted to commend Johanna Polsenberg for her work on this piece of legislation. It has been a real joy to work with her. And my staff member, Colin Hunter, I think also deserves some credit. Without the two of them, all of the little things that had to get done would have been left to others and might not have gotten done. So they have had a tremendous impact. I also thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) very much for his leadership.

This legislation is locally developed and locally supported. It is the result of a decade of work by the BLM and the Zia Pueblo and the State office working out all the little details of rights-of-way and lands transfers and where the fences go and who has what rights where. It is a very balanced bill that puts into law the Ojito Wilderness, an 11,000-acre piece of land, that will be protected 40 miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

As the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) mentioned, Manuel Lujan was the one who was the Secretary of the Interior when he recommended to the Congress that this piece of land should be set aside as an appropriate area for wilderness. The other thing that it does that I think is very important and has become important to all of us is that it allows for the purchase and transfer of BLM lands to Zia Pueblo. These lands will continue to have public access under the statute and remain undeveloped, but it will allow the Pueblo of Zia to unify its Pueblo and to connect the two noncontiguous areas of lands that are now part of its Pueblo.

I think one of the things that is wonderful about these jobs that we have the honor to hold is the opportunity to work with interesting people who are committed to different projects around our States and around the Nation.

There are a lot of people who deserve thanks for making this legislation a reality today, certainly the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO) and the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) for their support and their staff support in getting this worked out and worked through, and of course our staffs and the gentleman from New Mexico's leadership on this.

I think I would also like to recognize some New Mexicans. As I mentioned, this was locally developed and locally supported. Successive Governors and Tribal Council members of Zia Pueblo took a leadership role early on, including the current Governor, Teofilo Pino, and his predecessor and long-time Tribal Administrator Governor Peter Pino and their Counsel, David Mielke.

I think we would probably agree that one of the most colorful, interesting characters in New Mexico is Peter Pino. I could sit and listen to stories from him for a long time. He has taught us so very much.

Additionally, I would like to thank Oscar Simpson of the New Mexico Wildlife Federations, Stephen Capra of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, Melyssa Watson of the Wilderness Support Center, and former and current Chair of the Coalition for New Mexico Wilderness, Jim Scarantino and Arturo Sandoval, and former Sandoval County Commissioner Daymon Ely. Linda Rundell and Lisa Morrison from the BLM and Patrick Lyons, the State Land Commissioner, were also very, very helpful in this legislation.

Finally, I would also like to thank Albuquerque City Councilor Martin Heinrich, who from the very beginning has been instrumental in ironing out the little problems that come up, working through issues associated with this legislation, and making things happen.

I think, as you can see, when things are successful there are a lot of people involved behind the scenes making them happen, and without them this legislation would not be here on the floor of the House today. I am very pleased that the Ojito Wilderness is going to get the permanent wilderness designation that it deserves and the Pueblo of Zia is going to achieve its long-sought transfer of important and ancestral lands that will unite two noncontiguous areas of its reservation.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. MUSGRAVE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 156.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007, AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY NON-FEDERAL PUBLIC ENTITIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF PERMITS

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3765) to extend through December 31, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments: Page 2, line 10, strike "December 31, 2007" and insert: "March 31, 2006".

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, on September 20 of 2005, the House passed H.R. 3765, which provided a 2-year extension of the authority of the Corps of Engineers to accept funds to help process permit applications. This program, which has broad bipartisan support, expired on September 30 of this year. Unless it is extended, some regulatory personnel will have to be reassigned or let go, reducing the Corps' ability to process permits in a timely manner.

On October 7 of 2005 the Senate passed H.R. 3765 with an amendment to extend this program for only 6 months, until March 31, 2006. To prevent a reduction in the Corps' ability to process permits, Congressional action is urgently needed. For that reason, I ask Members to agree to the Senate amendment.

This issue of how long the authority to accept funds to process permits should be extended will be revisited in the House-Senate Conference on the Water Resources Development Act, after the other body passes their WRDA bill.

This is an important thing for the Army Corps of Engineers. This is very helpful to them and it is important

particularly to the west coast. It is limited to public entities such as ports and highway departments and other similar public entities. It is available throughout the Nation but it is used primarily on the west coast because it is important to them.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I support passage of H.R. 3765, as amended by the Senate. This bill extends through March 31 of 2006 the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and extends funding contributed by the non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits under the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbor Acts of 1899. This program is popular and well-received, particularly in the northwestern part of our country.

I congratulate my colleague from Washington (Mr. BAIRD) for his attention to this issue and for securing consideration of this bill. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the gentleman from Washington State, this short-term extension should quickly move to the President's desk for signature.

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I can think of no other Member of Congress who has served his local and regional issues with more enthusiasm and effectiveness.

The language of H.R. 3765 is modeled after language in H.R. 2864, the Water Resources Development Act of 2005, which was passed by this House on July 14 by an overwhelming vote of 406 to 14.

As a freestanding bill, H.R. 3765 was approved by the House under suspension on September 20 in a voice vote. Although the length of authorization contained in this bill was shortened slightly by the Senate, even as modified this bill would continue to receive strong support.

Madam Speaker, despite concerns expressed by the other body, the Senate, on this legislation today, today's consideration of one of the provisions of the larger Water Resources Development Act should not be viewed as an indication that the larger bill will not be enacted later this year.

I remain optimistic that the other House of Congress will soon consider this vital legislation, particularly in light of the vital role of flood damage reduction, navigation and other storm damage reduction projects in protecting lives and properties and enhancing economic well-being. The tragic events associated with Hurricane Katrina indicate how important our water infrastructure truly is.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), our chairman of the subcommittee, for helping us on this issue. I urge support for this bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I would also like to commend the gen-

tleman from Washington (Mr. BAIRD), a member of our subcommittee, a very active member, for his work on this legislation; and as I mentioned earlier, it has broad bipartisan support, so I urge its passage.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 3765.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3549) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3549

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill now under consideration, H.R. 3549.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3549, authored by the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH). This bill would designate the post office in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the William F. Clinger, Jr.

Post Office Building. All Members of the Pennsylvania delegation have cosponsored this legislation.

Former Representative Bill Clinger was born and raised in Warren, Pennsylvania, where he attended local public schools and graduated from Hill High School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Bill Clinger was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1965, and then enjoyed a career in private law practice. On January 3, 1979, Bill Clinger was elected to the 96th Congress and was reelected to eight succeeding Congresses.

During this time, Mr. Clinger showed his perseverance in serving the citizens of Warren, Pennsylvania, by working towards accountability in government during his time as a member of the Committee on Government Reform. As a distinguished long-time member of the committee, Clinger served as the ranking member during the 103rd Congress as well as the chairman during the 104th Congress. One of his many accomplishments in Congress was the passage of the Clinger-Cohen Act, which transformed the way the Federal Government plans for, acquires, and manages information technology.

When Chairman Clinger left Congress, he continued contributing to his community. He is a senior fellow at the Center For the Study of American Government at Johns Hopkins University where he lectures frequently and works with students on their master's theses. Further, he spends his summers in Chautauqua, New York, where he is the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Chautauqua Institution. William Clinger was an example and an inspiration to all as he demonstrated his strong and respected leadership abilities during his time in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I join the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH) in recognizing the accomplishments of former Representative Clinger and I urge all Members to do the same.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 3549, legislation naming a postal facility in Warren, Pennsylvania, after William F. Clinger, Jr. This measure, which was introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH) on July 28, 2005, and unanimously reported by our committee on September 29, 2005, enjoys the support and cosponsorship of the entire Pennsylvania delegation.

A native of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Mr. Clinger graduated from Johns Hopkins University, served in the United States Navy, and obtained a law degree from the University of Virginia before practicing law. He was elected to represent Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District in 1979,